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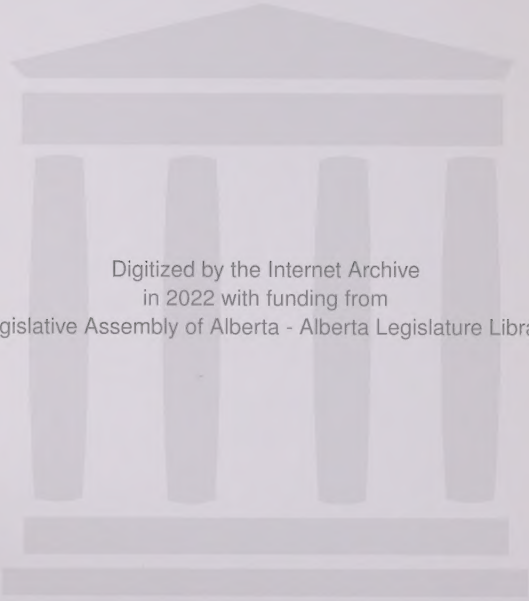
Alberta's

MASTER FARM FAMILIES

1950



- GOOD FARMING
- RIGHT LIVING
- CLEAR THINKING



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FOREWORD

A man may justifiably be proud to have reached the top in his chosen profession. When that profession is the practice of agriculture his pride and gratification are doubly justified, since to attain such a standing he must have discovered and put into practice some of the rules of Nature. He must have lived close to her, been admitted to some of her secrets and have learned to farm in accordance with her principles. In no other way is enduring success in agriculture possible.

It is therefore with pleasure that I offer congratulation to those families who have reached this high standard of achievement and have been named as Masters in this most fundamental of all professions. Included also are those many farmers who accepted nomination for the award, some of whom undoubtedly will in future years attain this distinction. The fact of their nomination by neighbors is indicative of Good Farming, Right Living and Clear Thinking. I appreciate also the contribution of all who assisted in the program.

It is to be hoped that this policy will continue to add prestige and dignity to the practice of agriculture and to stimulate farmers to adopt the best permanent methods.

D. A. URE,
Minister of Agriculture



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LET US SEEK BREAD WITH THE PLOUGH.

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FRED LABRECQUE FAMILY — SPIRIT RIVER



E. S. PARSON FAMILY — BOYLE



ROY BALLHORN FAMILY — WETASKIWIN

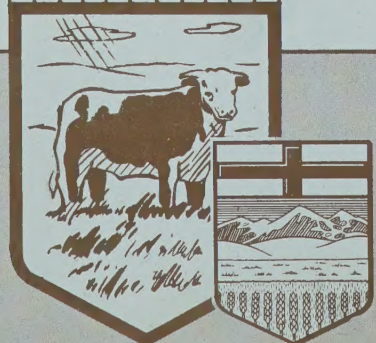


CHARLES J. KALLAL FAMILY — TOFIELD



EMILE J. CAMMAERT FAMILY — ROCKYFORD

Medicine Hat



Master FARM FAMILIES 1950 West Central Region



MR. AND MRS. ROY BALLHORN,
WETASKIWIN

"WOODLAWN FARM", home of the 1950 Master Farm Family of Roy Ballhorn, is the showplace of Wetaskiwin district.

The well-kept buildings, modern machinery, purebred cattle and rows of trees all are the result of years of hard work and co-operation of the Ballhorns. By working together in the home, on the farm, and in the community they have gained an enviable reputation worthy of a Master Farm Family.

The household is made up of four members, Mr. and Mrs. Ballhorn, their daughter Roma, and Mrs. Staack, mother of Mrs. Ballhorn. Each has made his or her contribution toward building up "Woodlawn Farm", and each is an important cog in the efficiency of the well-run farm.

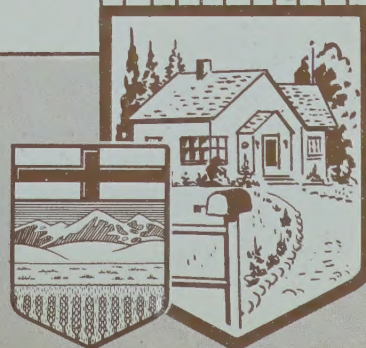
The farm itself consists of 800 acres, well-protected by shelter belts, with fruit trees, flowers and shrubs surrounding the eight-room house. In the pasture are 240 purebred Aberdeen Angus that have won championships throughout the country and made Mr. Ballhorn one of Canada's outstanding Angus breeders.

Active in the affairs of the community, Mr. Ballhorn is a member of the Canadian Aberdeen Angus Association, Western Stockgrowers, Alberta Cattle Breeders' Association, Fish and Game Association, and the F.U.A. He also served on the school board, hospital board and municipal district council. His wife is active in the W.M.S., and F.W.U.A.

Roma, who graduated from University of Alberta with a B.Sc. and from Iowa State College with a Master's degree in floriculture, has been a teacher of this subject in the Province. Mrs. Staack helps with the housework and has been an indispensable part of the family during the past 15 years.

AGRICULTURE IS THE FOUNDATION OF MANUFACTURERS; SINCE
THE PRODUCTIONS OF NATURE ARE MATERIALS OF ART.

—EDWARD GIBBON.



South Region

A MAN who borrowed \$250 to come to Alberta from his native Belgium in 1920, 49-year-old Emile John Cammaert has proven that willing workers produce results.

Now the owner of a modern farm near Rockyford, Mr. Cammaert and his family were honored as one of Alberta's Master Farm Families.

Emile Cammaert is a good manager and natural leader, but the success of his farming career has not been a solo effort — it is definitely a family project. Mrs. Cammaert, their son and daughter, all are good workers and play an important part in the farm operation.

From his \$250 investment, Mr. Cammaert has built up a successful farm, comprising substantial buildings, modern machinery, prize stock and good land. The home is fully modern and contains such conveniences as an electric refrigerator, electric range and automatic furnace stoker. Farm machinery is kept in perfect order and all repairs are done immediately, either in the field or in the well-equipped machine shop.

Mr. Cammaert and his son are now raising purebred Shorthorn cattle and have more than 50 purebreds of excellent quality. There have been no horses on the farm since 1928, when Mr. Cammaert mechanized his operations.

He has been an ardent community worker for many years. He is a trustee of Western Irrigation District, councillor for the municipal district, director of Southern Alberta Municipal Districts Association, member of the F.U.A., Wheat Pool and the local co-op.

Their son, John, holds a diploma in agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan and is studying for his B.Sc. in Agriculture from University of Alberta. Margaret Cammaert is studying at Olds School of Agriculture and is already a capable dressmaker and cook.

To some, farming may be a gamble, but to the Cammaerts it's their life — and they like it.



MR. AND MRS. E. CAMMAERT,
ROCKYFORD



East Central Region

HARD work and co-operation are two important factors that put the Kallal family where it is today.

Winners of a Master Farm Family Award, the Kallals have worked as a team through crop failures, illness, hard times and disappointment to make their farm one of the finest in the Province.

The 1,920-acre farm is located 5½ miles south-east of Tofield, and boasts modern buildings, machinery and farming practices. Most of the land is seeded to grain, but these days the profits are in their Herefords. They have a herd of 100 purebreds and 40 or more commercial cattle.

Mr. Kallal's fame as a cattleman is widespread throughout the Province.

Their Master Farm Family is made up of 11 members — Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Kallal and nine children. Of these, three children are still at home, and the rest are elsewhere in the Province.

Mrs. Kallal worked hard to raise her family. She still recalls when she had to milk the cows, tend the garden and take care of a few hundred chickens, in addition to her housework. But now most of her family is grown up and have found a successful place for themselves in Alberta.

Over the years, the family as a unit has developed a spirit of working together and living together which serves as an inspiration to all who know them.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES J. KALLAL,
TOFIELD

'TIS THE FARMER'S CARE THAT MAKES A FIELD BEAR.
—THOMAS FULLER.



Peace River Region

*T*HE LABRECQUE farm is a happy example of perfect family partnership both in business and domestic life.

One of the winners of the Master Farm Family Award last year, the Labrecques—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Labrecque and their nine children—have been leaders in their Spirit River community for years. Their efficient farm alone is enough to merit an honored place in the district, but this master family hasn't stopped there.

Mr. Labrecque is a Separate School trustee, member of the Board of Trade, A.F.U., Alberta Seed Growers, Wheat Pool and Co-operative Association. His wife and a daughter are members of the Catholic Women's League and the children belong to the Junior Red Cross.

And apart from the business affairs of the community, Mr. Labrecque and two children have teamed up to make a three-piece orchestra — violin, piano and guitar — to play at old-time dances in Spirit River during the winter months.

Work on the 1,500-acre farm is handled efficiently, with each member carrying out specific regular duties. The two eldest sons help with the heavier farm work while chores and household duties are allotted to junior members. Mrs. Labrecque, of course, presides over the home, and with the help of her daughters keeps the modern dwelling ship-shape even during the busy harvesting season.

Principal farm crops have been Thatcher and Lorain and Victory oats, all of which have yielded well, over a five-year period. Livestock includes Shorthorn cattle, Percheron horses, Yorkshire swine, chickens, turkeys and geese.

For the Labrecques, farming isn't merely a business, it's their life. As a unit they have developed a successful farm, and in doing so, have molded each member into a useful and worthy citizen of their community.



MR. AND MRS. FRED LABRECQUE
SPIRIT RIVER



North Region

ESPLUND FARM, in the Boyle area, gives mute testimony of how a rough area of trees and brush can be transformed into a modern farm.

In a district where pioneer farming conditions still prevail, the E. S. Parson family, owners of Esplund farm, have shown what can be accomplished through hard work, determination and co-operation.

Born of hardy Swedish stock, Mr. and Mrs. Parson moved to Canada in 1913 to try to build a new life on a quarter section of homestead land in the bush area near the present town of Boyle. And build a new life they did.

Now, 38 years later, the Parsons are one of Alberta's Master Farm Families, and are honored near and far for the spirit of family co-operation that built the Esplund farm.

Most of their 11 children have acquired the agricultural instincts of their parents, with two still remaining on the home farm and five others living on their own Alberta farms.

The children have taken part in every junior farm activity in the district, following in the footsteps of their community-minded father. Mr. Parson is a member of the Federal and Provincial CCF Party for Athabasca constituency, the Athabasca District Agricultural Society, the Watershed Co-operative Livestock Association, the Federated Co-ops Limited, the F.U.A., the School Board, the School Trustee's Association and the Board of Trade.

The Esplund farm—a name derived from Mr. Parson's initials—now contains 640 acres, including his original quarter section. Wheat, oats and barley are the chief crops and livestock includes Shorthorn cattle, Yorkshire hogs, Suffolk sheep and Percheron horses. A unique sight on the Esplund farm is a Fruit orchard, providing an abundance of crabapples and plums for canning.

But the Parsons have gained more than just a 640-acre farm during the last 38 years. They've also won the respect and praise of countless farmers who have seen what their hard work and co-operation has accomplished.



MR. AND MRS. E. S. PARSON,
BOYLE

THE LIFE OF A HUSBANDMAN — A LIFE FED BY BOUNTY
OF EARTH AND SWEETENED BY THE AIRS OF HEAVEN.

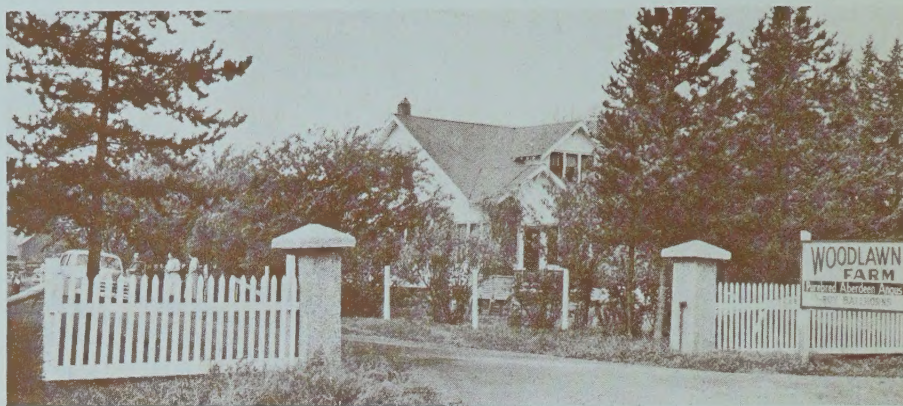
—DOUGLAS JERROLD.



HOMES OF MASTER FARM FAMILIES



THE PARSON FARM



THE BALLHORN FARM



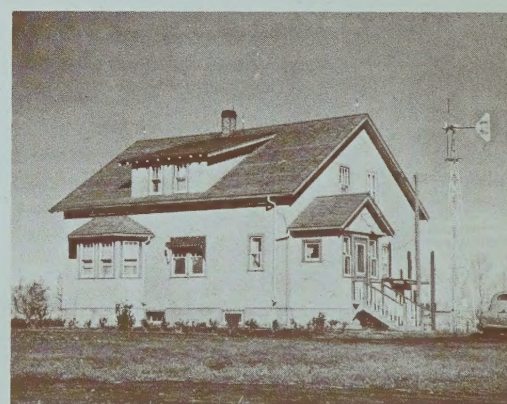
THE KALLAL FARM

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THE CAMMAERT FARM



THE LABRECQUE FARM



MASTER FARM FAMILIES

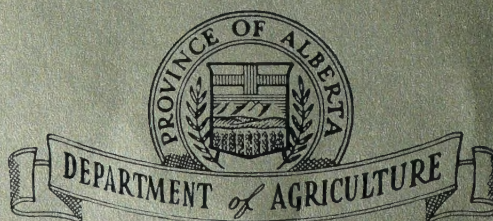
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